KYUNG OK AHN

JUNE 13, 1960.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. EASTLAND, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2863]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (S. 2863) for the relief of Kyong-Ok Ahn, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon with amendments and recommends that the bill, as amended, do pass.

AMENDMENTS

1. In line 4, change the name "Kyong-Ok Ahn" to read "Kyung Ok Ahn".

2. Amend the title of the bill so as to read:

"A bill for the relief of Kyung Ok Ahn."

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill, as amended, is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Kyung Ok Ahn. The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee. The bill has been amended to correct the spelling of the beneficiary's name.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 26-year-old native and citizen of Korea, who entered the United States at Anchorage, Alaska, on February 13, 1955, as a student. She presently resides in Manchester,

N.H., with her U.S. citizen son and husband who has been a lawful permanent resident of the United States since August 1, 1958. He is employed as a mechanical engineer by the Van Norman Industry. The beneficiary is unemployed and is dependent on her husband for support.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated April 14, 1960, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization with reference to the

bill reads as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,
IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE,
Washington, D.C., April 14, 1960.

A-10022326 Hon. James O. Eastland, Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator: In response to your request for a report relative to the bill (S. 2863) for the relief of Kyong-Ok Ahn, there is attached a memorandum of information concerning the beneficiary. This memorandum has been prepared from the Immigration and Naturalization Service file relating to the beneficiary by the Boston, Mass., office of this Service, which has custody of that file. According to the records of this Service, the correct name of the beneficiary is Kyung Ok Ahn.

The bill would grant the beneficiary permanent residence in the United States as of the date of enactment upon payment of the required visa fee. It would also direct that one number be deducted from the appropriate quota for the first year that such quota is

available.

The beneficiary is chargeable to the quota for Korea.

Sincerely,

J. M. Swing, Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE FILE RE KYONG-OK AHN, BENEFICIARY OF S. 2863

The beneficiary, whose correct name is Kyung Ok Ahn, nee Cho, a native and citizen of Korea, was born on October 28, 1933, in Seoul. She married Byong Ho Ahn, a native and citizen of Korea, on December 20, 1958, in Manchester, N.H. They have one child, a son, who was born on October 7, 1959, in Manchester, N.H., and they live at 270 Ash Street in the same city. She is unemployed and she and her child are dependent upon her husband for support. The family assets consist of a 1958 automobile valued at \$2,500, personal and household effects valued at \$1,000, and a joint savings account of over \$400. Other than her husband and child she has no near relatives in the United States. Her parents, three brothers and two sisters, who live in Korea, are her only near relatives abroad. Her brother, Dr. Chung Hyun Cho, who was formerly in the United States as an exchange visitor, was the beneficiary of S. 516, 86th Congress, which was not enacted.

The beneficiary's husband was admitted into the United States as a nonimmigrant student at Honolulu, Hawaii, on August 12, 1954. He was granted extensions of stay until March 6, 1959. He graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., on June 13, 1958, and was accorded the degree of bachelor of science in mechanical engineering. On August 1, 1958, he was found eligible for first preference quota status, and his status was adjusted as of August 1, 1958, to a permanent resident under section 245 of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Mr. Ahn is employed as a mechanical engineer by the Van Norman Industry, Manchester, N.H., at a yearly wage of \$8,500. He was issued a declaration of intention by the U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts, at Boston, on August 6, 1958.

Mrs. Ahn's education consists of completion of primary and high school in Korea; attendance at the Ewha Women's University, Seoul, Korea, from April 1, 1952, to September 1953; attendance at the Worcester Junior College, Worcester, Mass., from February 1955 to February 1956; attendance at Boston University, Boston, Mass., from February 1956 to June 1958, and attendance at the Fashion Academy, 812 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., for 1 month during September and October 1958. A petition was filed by the beneficiary's husband with the Boston office of this Service on April 27, 1959, to accord her third preference quota status under the quota for Korea, which was approved on May 21, 1959.

The beneficiary's only entry into the United States was at the port of Anchorage, Alaska, on February 13, 1955, when she was admitted as a nonimmigrant student for 1 year. She was granted extensions of stay, the last of which expired on December 21, 1958. She did not apply for a further extension of stay. Deportation proceedings were instituted on April 14, 1959, on the ground that after admission as a nonimmigrant student she remained in the United States for a longer time than permitted. In a hearing on April 24, 1959, she was found deportable on the above ground and an order was entered that she be granted voluntary departure, and in the event that she fails to depart as required, that she be deported. Her appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals was dismissed on June 18, 1959.

Senator Styles Bridges, the author of the bill, has submitted the following information in connection with the case:

HILL, N.H., May 16, 1960.

Senator James O. Eastland, Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR EASTLAND: The purpose of this letter is to bear

witness to the fine character of Mrs. Kyong-Ok Ahn.

I have known the Ahn family for more than 7 months on a day-to day basis. During this time I have found them to be professional people (both of them) of the highest caliber. To the best of my

knowledge and belief, they have no undesirable habits. They take an active interest in community and national affairs. Their political views are quite compatible with those of any typical American. I have observed that the Ahns are industrious, ambitious, and moral. Mrs. Ahn is the mother of a strong Korean-American boy.

I personally feel that Mrs. Ahn is a valuable asset to this

community.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM J. MARTIN, Jr.

Suncook, N.H., May 6, 1960.

Senator James O. Eastland, Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR EASTLAND: I am pleased that I have been given an opportunity to vouch for the character of Mrs. Kyong-Ok Ahn as

well as her husband, Byong-Ho Ahn.

I have known this couple for a little over a year now. Mr. Ahn is a very intellegent and capable man. He is a graduate of MIT and is employed by electronics division of Van Norman Industries as our

senior mechanical engineer.

Kyong-Ok Ahn was a student of Boston University. She attended the university at the same time that her husband was obtaining his degree. Mrs. Ahn is 26 years old and a mother. She is a charming, friendly person, and quite an accomplished artist. Any community would be happy to have this couple as their neighbors. They would set an example for high standard of behavior that many of us would do well to exemplify.

If you have any questions which you might want answered, I am

at your service. Sincerely,

ALFRED M. RESLOCK.

ELECTRONICS DIVISION, VAN NORMAN INDUSTRIES, INC., Manchester, N.H., May 9, 1960.

Senator James O. Eastland, Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Eastland: Mr. Byong-Ho Ahn has requested that I submit a letter to you attesting to his and his wife's good character

and loyalty.

It is a personal pleasure and, I believe, a credit to the American way of life that we may soon be able to count among us two such fine upright citizens as the Ahns. Mr. Ahn, a graduate of MIT, is one of our brightest young men. His wife, Kyong-Ok Ahn, whom I have had the pleasure of meeting on business and personal occasions, is a talented artist and a student of Boston University.

Mr. Ahn has been in the employ of our company for the past year and one-half and has held a responsible position, first as mechanical engineer and now as senior mechanical engineer. We have great hopes for his further advancement as evidenced by his most recent advancement in salary and rank.

Respectfully,

SEYMOUR CUKER, Director of Engineering.

MANCHESTER, N.H., May 4, 1960.

Senator James O. Eastland, Chairman, Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Eastland: In my association with the Ahn family, I have found Kyong-Ok Ahn, the wife of Byong-Ho Ahn to be a person of high intellectual and moral standards. She is the mother of a fine son and desires to raise her family in the environment of the United States.

Kyong-Ok Ahn is a credit to her community and would be an asset to our country.

Respectfully,

BURTON W. JACOBS.

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